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PRODUCTION OF FINE ZINC OXIDE POWDER FOR ALKALINE

STORAGE BATTERY

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PURPOSE: To prolong cycle life by bringing fine ZnO powder with stuck In(OH)(sub 3) into contact with Tl(NO(sub 3)3) and heating them in an oxidizing or

inert atmosphere.

CONSTITUTION: An In(NO(sub 3)3) soln. having 10-50g/l concn. is added to an aq. slurry obtd. by dispersing fine ZnO powder in water under stirring and they are mixed. The pH of the mixture is raised to 7-8 by adding an alkali such as ammonia to deposit In as In hydroxide and the mixture is filtered to obtain fine ZnO powder with stuck In(OH)(sub 3). A Tl(NO(sub 3)3) soln. having 20-130g/l concn. is added to the fine ZnO powder while kneading the powder and they are dried at 100-200 Deg.C, crushed and heated to 500-800 Deg.C in an oxidizing or inert atmosphere. By this heating, the Tl(NO(sub 3)3) is decomposed and fine ZnO powder for an alkaline storage battery uniformly coated with 1-5wt.% (expressed in terms of In) In(OH)(sub 3) and 0.2-3wt.% (expressed in terms of II) Il(sub 2)0(sub 3) is obtd.